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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING PLASMINOGEN ACTIVATOR INHIBITOR

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above application and calculation of claim fees, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Attached hereto, is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment.

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 2, please insert the following:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The present application is a U.S. national phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/CA00/00464, having an international filing date of April 27, 2000 and claiming priority to United States Application Nos. 60/131,339 filed April 28, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

In the Claims:

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein step (ii) comprises the steps of:

(a) simultaneously contacting the sample with a first antibody which binds selectively to PAI-1, the first antibody being immobilized on a solid support, and with a labelled second antibody which binds selectively to multimeric vitronectin ; and

(b) determining the second antibody bound to the solid support to measure the amount of PAI-1/multimeric vitronectin complex in the sample.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein step (ii) comprises the steps of:

(a) contacting the sample with a first antibody which binds selectively to PAI-